

IC 3-8-4

Chapter 4. State Conventions

IC 3-8-4-1

Application of chapter

Sec. 1. This chapter applies to each political party in the state whose nominee received at least two percent (2%) of the total vote cast for secretary of state at the last election.

As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.3-1987, SEC.102.

IC 3-8-4-2

Offices nominated by convention; nomination of electors and delegates of national convention if not nominated by state convention

Sec. 2. (a) A political party shall conduct a state convention to nominate the candidates of the political party for the following offices to be voted on at the next general election:

- (1) Lieutenant governor.
- (2) Secretary of state.
- (3) Auditor of state.
- (4) Treasurer of state.
- (5) Attorney general.
- (6) Superintendent of public instruction.

(b) The convention may also:

- (1) nominate candidates for presidential electors and alternate electors; and
- (2) elect the delegates and alternate delegates to the national convention of the political party.

(c) If a political party's state convention does not:

- (1) nominate candidates for presidential electors and alternate electors; or
- (2) elect the delegates and alternate delegates to the national convention of the political party;

the candidates shall be nominated or the delegates elected as provided in the state party's rules.

As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.3-1987, SEC.103; P.L.14-2004, SEC.56; P.L.169-2015, SEC.58.

IC 3-8-4-3

Delegates

Sec. 3. (a) This section applies to each political party that elects delegates to the party's state convention at a primary election.

(b) Delegates to a state convention shall be chosen at the primary election conducted by the political party on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May 2016 and every two (2) years thereafter. If provided in the rules of the state committee of the political party, delegates may be elected from delegate districts in each county.

(c) Not later than noon November 30 of the year preceding the year in which the state convention is to be conducted, the state

chairman of a political party shall certify the following to the election division and to each county committee of the party:

- (1) The number of delegates to be elected in each county.
- (2) Whether the delegates are to be elected from districts or at large in each county.
- (3) If a county is to elect delegates from districts, how many districts must be established in each county.

(d) The county committee shall establish any delegate districts required to be established under subsection (c) and file descriptions setting forth the district boundaries with the county election board not later than noon December 31 of the year preceding the year the state convention is to be conducted. If the county committee does not timely file district descriptions under this subsection, the county election board shall establish districts not later than the first day that a declaration of candidacy may be filed under IC 3-8-2-4, and apportion the delegates to be elected from each district in accordance with subsection (c).

As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.3-1987, SEC.104; P.L.3-1995, SEC.55; P.L.3-1997, SEC.142; P.L.122-2000, SEC.5; P.L.230-2005, SEC.27; P.L.216-2015, SEC.7.

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Vacancy

Sec. 4. If a delegate vacancy exists to a political party's state convention, the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the rules of the political party.

As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.3-1997, SEC.143.

IC 3-8-4-5

Furnishing list of delegates to election division

Sec. 5. (a) This section applies to each political party that elects delegates to the party's state convention at a primary election.

(b) Each circuit court clerk, not later than noon on the second Monday after a primary election, shall furnish the election division with a complete list of all delegates elected at the primary election to the state convention of a political party. The list must include the address of each delegate and the United States congressional district in which each delegate resides.

As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.3-1987, SEC.105; P.L.3-1997, SEC.144; P.L.221-2005, SEC.15.

IC 3-8-4-6

Notice of presidential primary vote to convention

Sec. 6. If the political party participated in a presidential primary during the year in which the state convention is held, the state chairman shall notify the convention of the results of the presidential primary furnished to the chairman under IC 3-8-3-10.

As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.3-1987, SEC.106.

IC 3-8-4-7

Procedures for nominating candidates and delegates

Sec. 7. The state committee of the political party holding a state convention shall determine the procedure for nominating candidates and electing delegates and alternate delegates to the national convention.

As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.3-1987, SEC.107.

IC 3-8-4-8

Voting technique; noncontested offices

Sec. 8. Candidates shall be nominated or elected at a state convention by using ballot card systems or electronic voting systems. However, if there is no contest for an office, the nomination or election may be by motion and acclamation.

As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.3-1987, SEC.108; P.L.221-2005, SEC.16.

IC 3-8-4-9

Inspectors and poll clerks; watchers

Sec. 9. The state chairman of the political party holding a state convention shall appoint an inspector and two (2) poll clerks to attend each voting system at the convention. Each candidate may have one (1) watcher at each voting system to check the voting system before and after each ballot and to check the work of any election officer. The inspector and poll clerks:

- (1) shall take an oath to perform their duties faithfully and to the best of their abilities before anyone entitled to administer an oath;
- (2) must be qualified in relationship to candidates in the same manner as precinct election officers under IC 3-6-6-7; and
- (3) are subject to the same penalties as precinct election officers.

As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.3-1987, SEC.109; P.L.221-2005, SEC.17.

IC 3-8-4-10

Nomination of candidates

Sec. 10. (a) This section applies to a political party whose nominee received at least two percent (2%) but less than ten percent (10%) of the votes cast for secretary of state at the last election for that office.

(b) A political party subject to this section shall also nominate the party's candidates for the following offices at the state convention of the party:

- (1) United States Senator.
- (2) United States Representative.
- (3) Governor.
- (4) Legislative office.
- (5) A local office listed in IC 3-8-2-5.

As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.3-1987, SEC.110; P.L.4-1996, SEC.25.

IC 3-8-4-11**Rules regarding state convention**

Sec. 11. All matters regarding a state convention that are not prescribed by this chapter or by other laws are controlled by the rules of the state committee of the political party holding the convention and by the rules adopted by the convention.

As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.4.

IC 3-8-4-12**Repealed**

(Repealed by P.L.3-1987, SEC.570.)

IC 3-8-4-13**Repealed**

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IC 3-8-4-14**Repealed**

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IC 3-8-4-15**Repealed**

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IC 3-8-4-16**Repealed**

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IC 3-8-4-17**Repealed**

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IC 3-8-4-19**Repealed**

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IC 3-8-4-20**Repealed**

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IC 3-8-4-21**Repealed**

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IC 3-8-4-22

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